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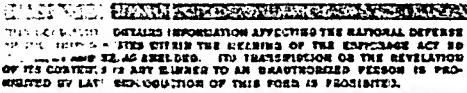
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SUBJECT SDAG Wismut:
1. Hydrological Department of Object 90 at Gera
2. Mining Installations in the Ronneburg Area

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1. The Hydrological Department of Object 90 of the Wismut AG was located on the premises of the former Finanzamt (revenue office) at Gera.
2. The department consisted of a Soviet-staffed laboratory and a so-called German working group.
3. Three Soviet soldiers and two female Soviets who made chemical analyses of water samples were assigned to the laboratory. At the various mines of Object 90 water tests were made by two German "hydro-geologists" who were assisted by seven "collectors".
4. The mission of the Hydrological Department was to check on water conditions in the mines of Object 90 and to look for new sources of water in the event of unusual losses in the water supply.
5. Prior to 1954, four German females had been employed at the Hydrological Department for the purpose of checking on the radio activity of water samples. They were replaced by Soviet personnel.
6. In May 1956, ore mining operations were being conducted at the following mines of Object No 90:
Mine 352, depth: 180 m, at Lichtenberg;
Mine 356, depth: 150 m, at Schmiedeberg;
Mine 374, depth: 280 m, at Paitzdorf.
7. The following mines were in progress of being sunk:
Mine 364, depth reached: 120 m, northeast of Lichtenberg;
Mine 365, depth reached: 80 m, " of "
Mine 375, depth reached: 50 m, " of "
Mine 367, depth reached: 380 m, at Schmiedeberg;
Mine 368, depth reached: 220 m, at "
Mine 370, depth reached: 100 m, south of Ronneburg. The latter mine is scheduled to become a central mine. Mines 367 and 368 are also scheduled to become central mines and they are to be connected to Mine 375 at the 120-meter level.
Mine 375 is also scheduled to become a central mine. According to plans made, it is to reach a depth of 360 to 380 m. The mine is scheduled to be connected with Mine 352, Lichtenberg, on the 120-level.

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Mine 367 is equipped with a modern photocell-controlled hoisting plant. It is the first plant of this type of the Wismut AG. Mine 369 is an air shaft also used for the storage of materials. It has six towers. The mine will be connected to Mines 367 and 368 on the 120-level.

All the shafts are brick-lined circular shafts.

Plans have been made for the construction of another mine, Mine 369, eight km northeast of Ronneburg, south of the Autobahn.

8. Work on the construction of a large garage was being accelerated near Culmitzsch.

9. All the mines of Object 90 sent ore samples in bags, wooden boxes or sheet-metal containers to a Soviet ore testing point on Altenburger Strasse at Ronneburg. Individual mines also sent minor quantities of assay material loaded on dump trucks to the Soviet ore testing point.

10. [redacted] a chemical processing plant was to be set up on the Autobahn northeast of Ronneburg on the Sprotte River.

11. The southern part of the town of Ronneburg has been included in the area scheduled to be opened for ore mining operations in 1957. The ore available there is said to be located at a shallow depth and to be of first quality.

12. [redacted] Comment: The information on the planned construction of an ore processing plant for Object 90 has been obtained for the first time, but it appears credible in view of the continuous expansion of ore mining operations in the Ronneburg area.

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locations of mining installations in the vicinity of Ronneburg, (2 documents
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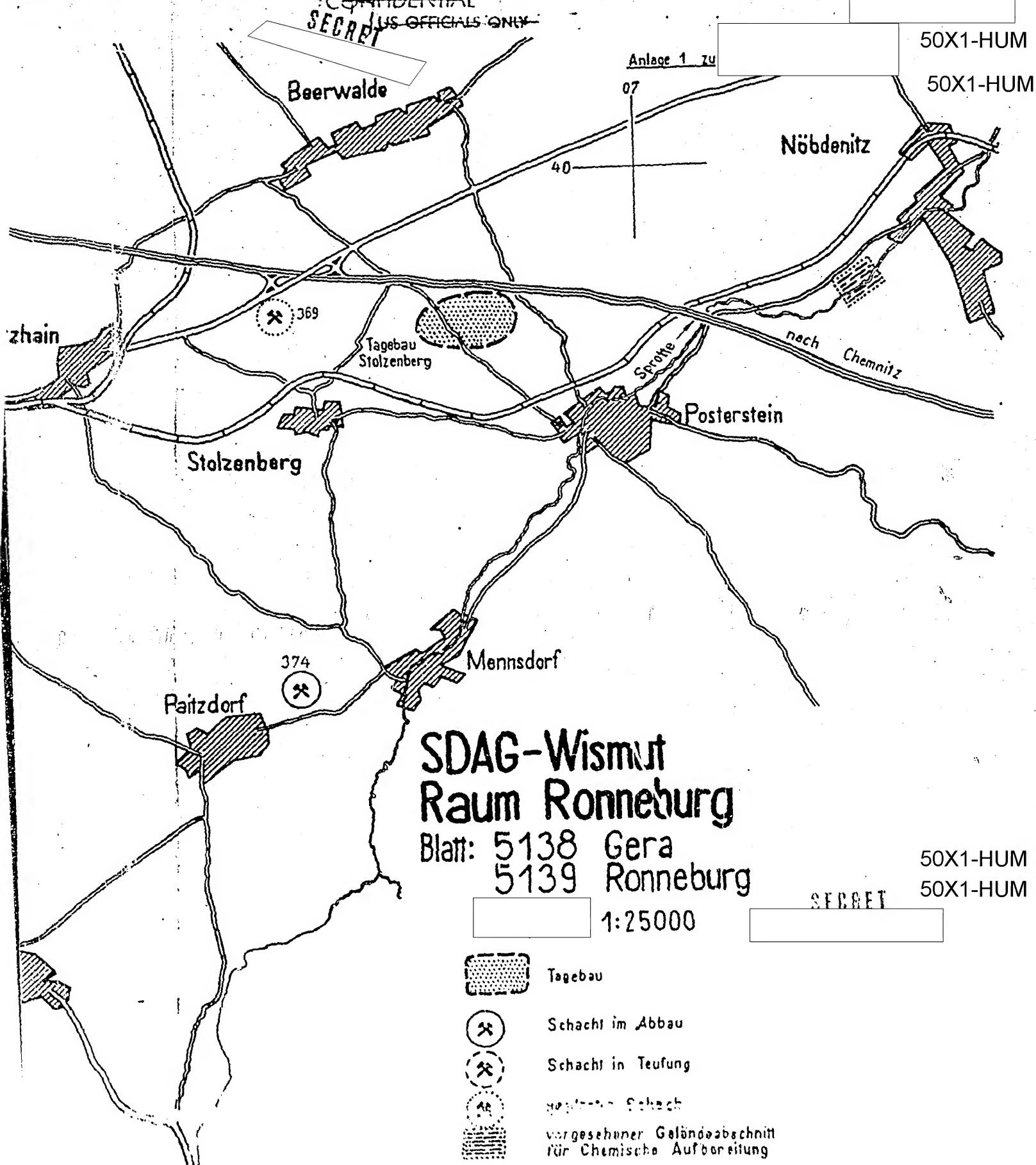
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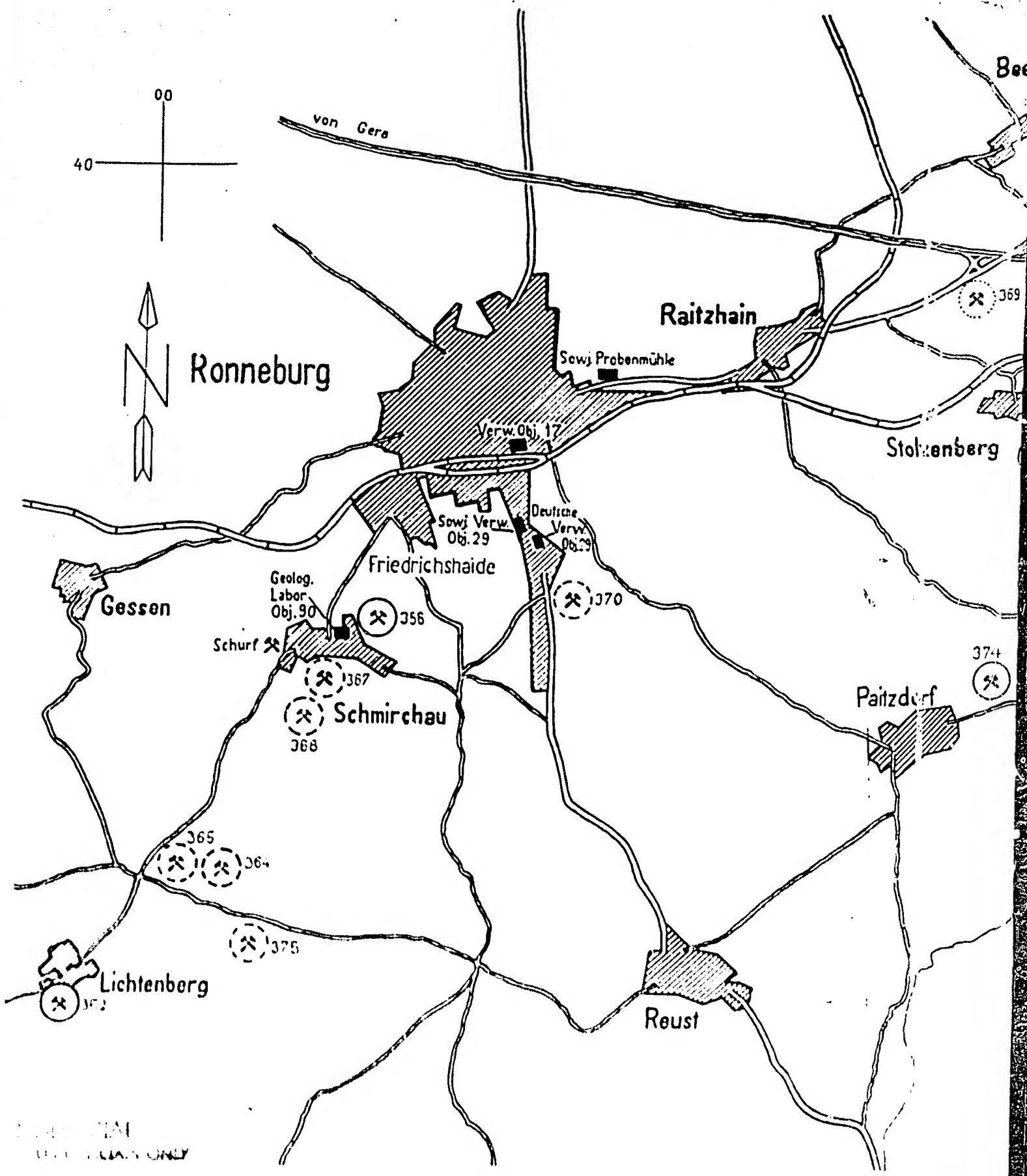
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